

Express Mail Label No.: EL916936831US

Express Mail Certificate 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 in an envelope addressed to **MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

Name of Person Signing Certificate: _____

Renee Conti

Date

March 10, 2004

Signature

Renee Conti

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: Hisaaki Gyoten, et al

§

§

§

Conf. No.: _____

§

Group Art Unit: _____

§

Appln. No.: _____

§

Examiner: _____

§

Filing Date: _____

§

Attorney Docket No.: 10059-369U1

§

(P20799-02)

Title: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Citation Form(s) PTO/SB/08A, which cite(s) document(s) which may be material to the patentability of this application and/or for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Copies of the documents were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related Application No. 09/719,664, filed December 15, 2000 (the "prior application"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. §120, on the filing date of the prior application. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, but will be provided on request. However, copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Several of the references were cited in an International Search Report dated September 28, 1999 (copy enclosed) in counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP99/03123 or in an Office Action dated July 23, 2002 (copy enclosed) in counterpart Korean Application No. 10-2000-7014308.

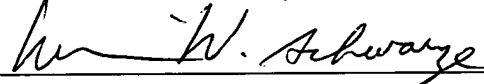
The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that any of the listed documents constitutes prior art, nor as an admission against interest in any manner.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1017.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered and acknowledged by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, be made of record therein, and that the listed document(s) be cited in the issued patent.

Respectfully submitted,

HISAANKI GYOTEN, ET AL



William W. Schwarze

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Registration No. 25,918

Direct Dial: 215-965-1270

E-Mail: wschwarze@akingump.com

March 10, 2004
(Date)

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
One Commerce Square
2005 Market Street, Suite 2200
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Telephone No.: 215-965-1200
Fax No.: 215-965-1210

WWS:rc
Enclosures

